

Males of Tengria Dilgaon village flee homes fearing arrest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

All the males of Tengria Dilgaon village in Haripur upazila of Thakurgaon fled home fearing arrest following a clash between villagers of two upazilas that left one dead on February 26.

Police said some villagers of Tengria led by Saiful Islam kept a bamboo cluster in the Kulic river to attract fish but on February 26 villagers of Lehema in Ranishankoil upazila started fishing there, which ensued the clash and left Niresh Chandra, 35, of Lehema village, dead.

Police arrested four on February 27 in a case filed by Niresh's brother accusing seven and some unnamed persons. The arrestees were not accused in the case.

Villagers alleged that police were harassing them by conducting raids and arresting those who were not involved in the clash.

Police said the arrests and drives were made to arrest the seven fugitive accused.

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Two held over selling rice meant for poor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An ex-president of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Projonmo League and his associate were arrested in Mymensingh yesterday for selling rice meant for the ultra poor on black market.

Police also seized 620 sacks (31 tonnes) of rice from their possession, said OC Md Kaium of Armed Police Battalion Muktagacha-2.

The arrestees are Moniruzzaman Monir, 36, the ex-president of the League's Haluaghat upazila unit, and his associate Azizul Islam, 35.

On information, UNO Rashed Hossain Chowdhury of Haluaghat, accompanied by the battalion raided a shop in Uttar Bazar area, where they hid the rice, said OC Kaium.

The arrestees used to sell rice that was meant for the disadvantaged under a government scheme of Tk 10 per kilogram on black market for long, said OC Kaium.

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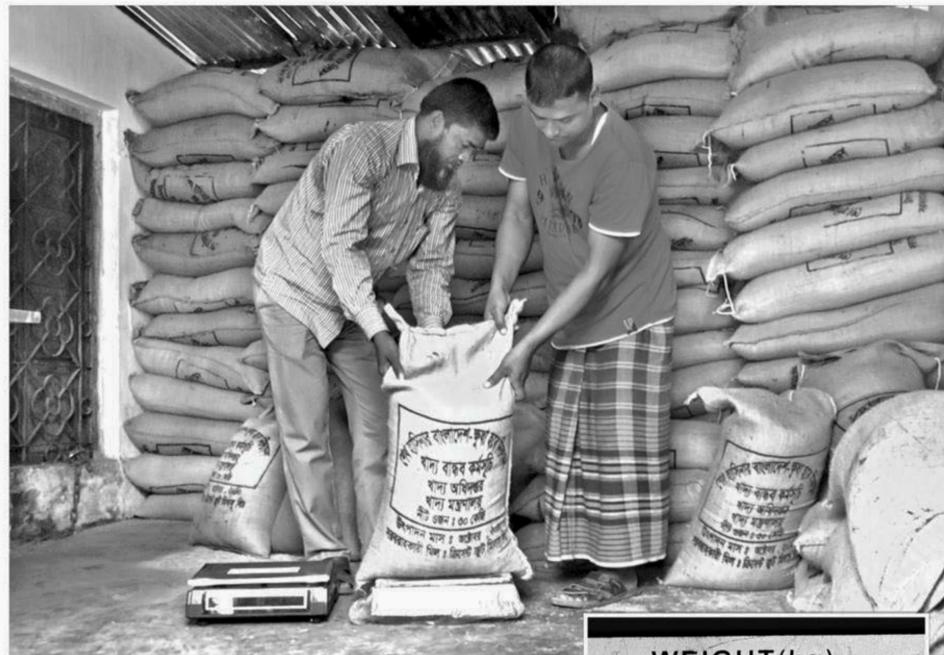
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He was the minister for education in the United Front government of East Pakistan in 1956 and the minister for commerce and trade in 1956-1957. After the promulgation of martial law by Ayub Khan in 1958, he was imprisoned and was subsequently released in 1962. He then retired from politics.

Abul Mansur Ahmad was known for his strong stand in favour of regional autonomy of East Pakistan. He also made remarkable contributions to industrialisation of the long neglected East Pakistan.

Abul Mansur Ahmad's literary oeuvre includes famous satires such as *Aina*, *Asmani Purdah*, *Gulliverer Safar Nama*, and *Food Conference*. He also penned insightful works on social and political history of Bengal such as *Bangladesher Culture*. He has two autobiographical works -- *Atma Katha* and *Amar Dekha Rajnitir Panchash Bachar*. Recently, Daily Star Books published a collection of his short stories titled *Abul Mansur Ahmader Shreshtho Golpo*. Some of his works are included in the curriculum of different universities.

In 2015, five researchers were awarded for their works on Abul Mansur Ahmad -- Dr Nurul Amin, Dr Rajib Humayun, Dr Chengis Khan, Dr Mizanur Rahman, and Imran Mahfuz. A special honorary memorial award was given to Emeritus Professor Dr Rafiqul Islam for editing a six-volume work of Abul Mansur Ahmad.



Workers weigh a sack of rice before selling it to the ultra poor under a government scheme of selling rice at Tk 10 per kg. Even though the sack was supposed to have 30kg as printed on the sack, after weighing, it was found that the buyers were being shortweighed by around half a kg, inset. The photo was taken from Loharpul dealer centre of Barisal Sadar upazila on Tuesday.



Where did the rice go?

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September-November and March-April, they will get 30kg of rice per month.

But, a number of the target group in Sadar upazila of Barisal is alleging that they have been receiving at least half a kilogram less rice in each 30kg sack they are purchasing.

While visiting the Loharpul dealer centre, it was found that each of the sacks of rice the people bought weighed around 29.5kg even though it was printed 30kg on the sacks.

"We bought a 30kg sack but it weighed 29.57kg," said Rijia Begum of

Sayestabad union.

However, Humayun Kabir, owner of Jobair enterprise, a rice dealer, claimed, "We sell the sacks exactly the way we receive from the government."

But, Humayun Kabir Khan, monitoring officer of the government's Food Security Programme in Barisal Sadar, said, "There is no reason for people getting less than the stated weight of 30kg in each bag. Besides, the weight of the sack is around 300gm, which was not added." "After finding the anomalies at the dealer level we informed the matter to the higher authorities," he said.

Contacted, Abdullah Al Mamun, food inspector of Barisal Sadar upazila, said, "Before handing over the rice to the dealers we checked the sacks and there were 30kg of rice in each of them."

He, however, said, "We haven't received any complaints yet. Action will be taken if any irregularity is found."

Meanwhile, Ranjit Dutta, secretary of Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB), Barisal, demanded ensuring exact weight in rice bag meant for the ultra poor.

Five hurt in AL factional clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Five people were injured in a factional clash of Awami League at Saghata upazila in Gaibandha yesterday during a discussion on the 97th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu.

Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Miah was addressing as the chief guest at the discussion held by the upazila administration when the clash with sticks and sharp weapons started.

According to witnesses, supporters of Mahmud Hasan Ripon, assistant secretary of a sub-committee of AL central committee, who lost to the deputy speaker in winning nomination for the constituency Gaibandha-5, were going to place wreath on a mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman when some activists hurled brick chips at them, which later turned into the clash.

Police fired few blank shots to disperse them.

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JU student accuses fellow of 'sexual harassment'

JU CORRESPONDENT

A female student of Jahangirnagar University in a written complaint alleged that she was sexually harassed by a male student of her department.

She submitted the complaint to JU Vice Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam yesterday.

In her complaint, she said the youth told her to meet at a lab of the department on July 15 last year. When she went there the youth sexually harassed her.

He also warned her not to disclose the incident. Later on, the youth harassed her physically and mentally several times on the campus, she mentioned in the complaint.

On Wednesday, she informed her friends of the matter after the youth sent her a love proposal with the help of a junior student and stalked her during the rehearsal of a play on Sunday.

The youth, however, denied all the allegations except for the proposal. According to him, he did it "out of fun".

He also alleged that he proposed her and being refused she is making those false allegations against him.

He will submit a written complaint against her, said the youth.

JU Proctor Prof Tapan Kumar Saha said the university authorities will take steps after investigating the incident.

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